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**EX-PARTE  
TO BE FILED UNDER SEAL**

Honorable Jesse M. Furman  
United States District Judge  
Southern District of New York  
40 Foley Square  
New York, New York 10007

**Re: United States v. Sakoya Blackwood  
22 Cr. 460 (JMF)**

Dear Judge Furman:

I write, as counsel to Sakoya Blackwood, to respectfully request a substitution of counsel in the above-captioned matter as soon as possible. I have just learned of an unwaivable conflict that prevents me from continuing to represent Ms. Blackwood. Accordingly, I respectfully request that the Court relieve the Federal Defenders and appoint CJA counsel to represent Ms. Blackwood moving forward. Relatedly, I respectfully request that this letter be filed under seal.


Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/  
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The application for substitution of counsel is GRANTED, and Michael Tremonte, the CJA counsel on duty yesterday, is appointed as new counsel. Outgoing counsel is ordered to contact Mr. Tremonte promptly, advise him of the schedule set at the initial conference yesterday, and to provide any and all assistance required to ensure a smooth transition of counsel. As counsel provides, and the Court sees, no basis to file this letter under seal or ex parte, that request is denied.

**SO ORDERED:**

  
**HONORABLE JESSE M. FURMAN**  
United States District Judge

September 2, 2022